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**THE OUTSIDERS** CHAPTER 5-6 VOCABULARY

1. **stricken**

affected by something overwhelming

I looked around wildly, almost panic-**stricken**, but then caught sight of some crooked lettering written in the dust of the floor.

2. **disguise**

make unrecognizable

“I guess,” he said weakly, “I guess we’re **disguised**.”

3. **gallant**

unflinching in battle or action

“I bet they were cool ol’ guys,” he said, his eyes glowing, after I had read the part about them riding into sure death because they were **gallant**.

"Gallant" also means "having or displaying great dignity or nobility" and "being attentive to women like an ideal knight"--all three definitions fit. In this example sentence, the focus is on bravery. But Johnny was also impressed with the Southern gentlemen's manners and charms.

4. **elude**

escape, either physically or mentally

I was trying to find the meaning the poet had in mind, but it **eluded** me.

5. **transplant**

transfer from one place or period to another

It seemed to me that I had always lived in the church, or maybe lived during the Civil War and had somehow got **transplanted**.

6. **apparently**

unmistakably

I had thought about turning ourselves in lots of times, but **apparently** the whole idea was a jolt to Dallas.

7. **conviction**

an unshakable belief in something without need for proof

“I was scared,” Johnny said with **conviction**.

A conviction is also "a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case." That is not how the word is used in the example sentence, but the meaning is suggested by the situation, since Johnny had run away because he was scared of being convicted for murder.

8. **ember**

a hot, smoldering fragment of wood left from a fire

The cinders and **embers** began falling on us, stinging and smarting like ants.

"Ember" and "cinder" are synonyms; so are "stinging" and "smarting." Ponyboy's earlier creepy feeling about the church now seems like a **premonition**. The earlier descriptions of Johnny's eyes as "glowing" and "smoldering" could also be seen as foreshadowing this scene.

9. **promptly**

at once (usually modifies an undesirable occurrence)

I picked up a kid, and he **promptly** bit me, but I leaned out the window and dropped him as gently as I could, being in a hurry like that.

10. **soothing**

freeing from fear and anxiety

I guess that guy knew how close to hysterics I really was, for he talked to me in a low **soothing** voice all the way to the hospital.